

AMERICORPS VISTA Pre-Service Orientation (PSO) Sample Agenda

Opening Day/Night

| TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION/STAFF |
|----------------|--|---------------------------------|
| 1:30 – 6:00 pm | Check-in and Registration | VISTA & AFYA Staff |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Dinner | |
| 6:30 – 8:00 pm | VISTA Large Group Welcome Facilitator Introductions, Logistics Review VISTA History and Legacy | VISTA Staff Lead Facilitator |

Day 1

| TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION/STAFF |
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| 7:00 – 8:15 am | Breakfast | |
| 8:30 – 10:00 am | Navigating Your Year of Service | VISTA Staff |
| 10:00 – 10:15 am | Break | |
| 10:15 – 11:45 am | Your VISTA Development Plan (part 1) | Breakout Rooms Facilitators |
| 11:45 am – 12:45 pm | Lunch (Opportunity to sit by States) | |
| 12:45 – 2:30 pm | Poverty in America: Personal Perspectives | Breakout Rooms Facilitators |
| 2:30 – 2:45 pm | Break | |
| 2:45 – 4:45 pm | Poverty Theories of Change | Breakout Rooms Facilitators |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Dinner (Opportunity to sit by Skill Areas) | |

Day 2

| TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION/STAFF |
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| 7:00 – 8:15 am | Breakfast | |
| 8:30 – 10:45 am | Getting Started with Your VAD <i>(15-minute break at 10 am)</i> | Breakout Rooms Facilitators |
| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm | Workplace Communication | Breakout Rooms Facilitators |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Lunch | |
| 1:00 – 2:15 pm | Community Input and Engagement | Breakout Rooms Facilitators |
| 2:15 – 2:30 pm | Break | |
| 2:30 – 4:30 pm | Volunteer Mobilization | Breakout Rooms Facilitators |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Dinner (Opportunity to sit by Issue Areas) | |

Day 3

| TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION/STAFF |
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| 7:00 – 8:15 am | Check out and breakfast | |
| 8:30 – 10:30 am | Resource Development | Breakout Rooms Facilitators |
| 10:30 – 10:45 am | Break | |
| 10:45 am – 12:30 pm | Your VISTA Development Plan (part 2) | Breakout Rooms Facilitators |
| 12:30 – 1:00 pm | Swearing-in Ceremony: Oath, Closing Remarks <i>Adjourn</i> | VISTA Staff |
| 1:00 pm | <i>Pick up box lunches and depart</i> | |

Thank you and best wishes for a very successful year of service!